

Respiratory Therapy Programs in Kansas

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For More Information about RT go to the American Association of Respiratory Care webpage or check out the following YouTube Video.

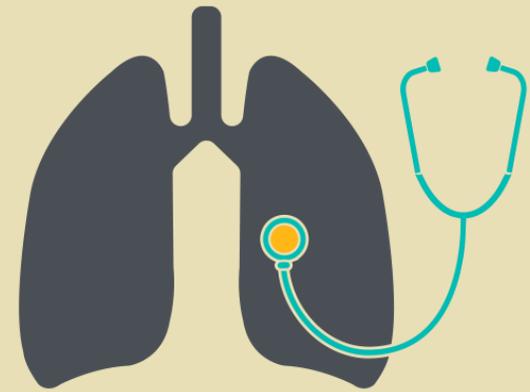
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Kansas Respiratory Care Society

What is Respiratory Therapy?



**When You Can't Breathe
nothing else matters!**



What is a Respiratory Therapist?

(sometimes referred to as RT)

Have you been thinking about a career in health care?

Health Care is a good choice! The demand for health care professionals has never been higher, so job stability is excellent. Continued growth in biomedical technology ensures the field will never get boring. And the opportunity to really help people and make a lasting and meaningful difference in the lives of others means you'll get much more out of your career than just a paycheck.

But with all the health care professions out there, how can you know which one is right for you? It's not an easy decision, but if you agree with the following statements, you might discover respiratory therapy is exactly what you've been looking for:

1. I really enjoy helping people out in their time of need.
2. I like working with technology and I'm good in math and science.
3. I would rather work in a profession where there's a lot of variety in the job.
4. I want to be able to choose what type of place I work in, and the type of patients I work with.
5. I'm looking for a career with multiple opportunities for advancement—not just one.

If this sounds like you, our profession could be a great fit.

What Do RTs Do? A Day in the Life of an RT



With all the knowledge RTs possess, it's no wonder their days are so diverse. A day in the life of an RT might include:

- Diagnosing lung and breathing disorders and recommending treatment methods.
- Interviewing patients and doing chest physical exams to determine what kind of therapy is best for their condition.

- Consulting with physicians to recommend a change in therapy, based on your evaluation of the patient.
- Analyzing breath, tissue, and blood specimens to determine levels of oxygen and other gases.
- Managing ventilators and artificial airway devices for patients who can't breathe normally on their own.
- Responding to Code Blue or other urgent calls for care.
- Educating patients and families about lung disease so they can maximize their recovery.



Where Do RTs Work?

RTs work right at the bedside, side-by-side with doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals.

Respiratory therapists provide the hands-on care that helps people recover from a wide range of medical conditions. Whenever breathing is an issue, Respiratory Therapists are there. You'll find RTs—

- In hospitals giving breathing treatments to people with asthma and other respiratory conditions.
- In intensive care units managing ventilators that keep the critically ill alive.
- In emergency rooms delivering life-saving treatments.
- In newborn and pediatric units helping kids with conditions ranging from premature birth to cystic fibrosis.
- In patient's homes providing regular check-ups and making sure people have what they need to stay out of the hospital.
- In sleep laboratories helping to diagnose disorders like sleep apnea.
- In doctor's offices conducting pulmonary function tests and providing patient education.
- In asthma education programs helping kids and adults alike learn how to cope with the condition.
- In air transport and ambulance programs rushing to rescue people in need of immediate medical attention.
- In case management programs helping devise long-term care plans for patients.